

I am writing in order to provide comments to the FCC regarding the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been essential to the East Whittier City School District. It has helped both of our students and staff to access online resources, communicate & collaborate and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, the E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with our District's future bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.

As the Director of Information Services at the EWCSO, I am very aware of the importance of infusing digital learning throughout our curriculum in order to prepare our students with the necessary skills for either college or career. Please help us meet the developing demands of preparing our students for success in our global economy.